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Intended for students taking the Grade 12 Diploma Examination in English 33 in Alberta, Canada, this reading test contains 65 multiple choice test items related to the selections in the readings booklet. The questions examine the student's skills in (1) understanding meanings, (2) understanding and interpreting the relationships between form and content, (3) understanding and interpreting human experience and values as expressed through literature, and (4) finding and using information for a particular purpose. (EL)

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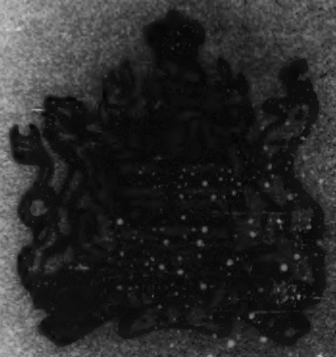

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ENGLISH 33

PART B: Reading (Multiple Choice)

QUESTIONS BOOKLET

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Part B of the English 33 Diploma Examination has 65 questions in the Questions Booklet and eight reading selections in the Readings Booklet.

CHECK TO MAKE SURE YOU HAVE AN ENGLISH 33 QUESTIONS BOOKLET AND AN ENGLISH 33 READINGS BOOKLET.

YOU WILL HAVE 2 HOURS TO COMPLETE THIS EXAMINATION.

You may **NOT** use a dictionary, thesaurus, or other reference materials.

On the ANSWER SHEET provided, use HB pencil to mark the CORRECT or BEST answer for each question as shown in the example below.

Example

Which month has 31 days?

A. February
B. April
C. November
D. December

Answer Sheet

A	B	C	D
①	②	③	●

Mark only one answer for each question. If you change an answer, erase your first mark completely. Answer all questions.

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I. Read the excerpt from *Catch-22* on page 1 of your Readings Booklet and answer questions 1 to 7.

1. The excerpt suggests that Nately has arrived at his "lofty fervor" (line 3) through a

   A. blind belief in America
   B. keen interest in evolution
   C. strong awareness of history
   D. sustained effort to think logically

2. The comment that BEST indicates the old man's view of "winning" is

   A. "America. . .will lose the war. And Italy will win it." (line 1)
   B. "And that's exactly why my country is doing so well..." (lines 6-7)
   C. "Italian soldiers are not dying any more." (line 15)
   D. "All great countries are destroyed." (line 26)

3. In line 23, the words "Nately faltered" indicate that Nately is beginning to

   A. hate the old man
   B. tire of the argument
   C. respect his opponent
   D. doubt his own beliefs

4. The old man's reference to the frog suggests that

   A. survival of a nation does not depend upon military might
   B. the old man is prejudiced against the attitude of Americans
   C. the weak and the poor will not survive a major confrontation
   D. America can expect to be a formidable power for a million years

5. In his conversation with Nately, the old man reveals that he is a person who

   A. argues logically
   B. likes Americans
   C. lacks sensitivity
   D. thinks irrationally

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6. In lines 36 to 38, Nately is furious. His anger is caused MAINLY by

   A. his inability to prove the old man wrong
   B. the suggestion that the frog will outlast America
   C. the old man's insistence that America is doomed
   D. his dislike of the old man's pleasant but mocking attitude

7. The end of the passage suggests that the writer hopes to leave the reader with a feeling of

   A. uncertainty, because, like Nately, the reader has to reconsider the concepts of winning and losing

   B. disappointment, because the reader sees that Nately wants to smash the old man's leering face

   C. disapproval, because the reader does not want to see an old person win an argument with a young person

   D. frustration, because the reader learns that Nately and the old man have not been able to resolve their argument

II. Read *School Thief* on pages 2 and 3 of your Readings Booklet and answer questions 8 to 14.

8. That Nigel is one of Miss Tillings' favorite students is indicated MOST strongly by

A. "Do you know anything about this?" (line 14)
B. "I can't believe it was you." (lines 14-15)
C. "And where did Pringle give you this broken flower?" (line 34)
D. "All right Nigel, you can sit down now." (lines 63-64)

9. The stage direction "Georgie jerks up in indignant astonishment" (line 31) indicates to the reader that Georgie is

A. frightened
B. innocent
C. furious
D. guilty

10. The change of mood that occurs within the classroom in lines 44-45 suggests that the main interest of the students will now be centred upon the

A. punishment of Bert
B. testimony of the girl
C. conviction of Georgie
D. decision of Miss Tillings

11. Bert speaks out against Georgie (lines 48-51) because he

A. dislikes him
B. enjoys the drama
C. fears Miss Tillings
D. wants to save Nigel

12. From the point of view of the reader, the word that describes the evidence against Georgie Pringle is

A. sincere
B. doubtful
C. revealing
D. convincing

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13. Miss Tillings' statement "Thank you for being so truthful" (line 64) disturbs the reader because it suggests MOST STRONGLY her

A. unfairness
B. importance
C. foolishness
D. impatience

14. The theme developed within the play is that

A. children are easily manipulated by adults
B. honesty is a value that should be encouraged
C. people are easily convinced of what they want to believe
D. people in positions of authority may make poor decisions

III. Read about Robin's search for a tape deck on pages 4 to 6 of your Readings Booklet and answer questions 15 to 26. You may make notes on your Readings Booklet and/or Questions Booklet as you work through this section.

15. To find out if the Sanson X-500 advertised by Mike's Stereo Warehouse really has all of the advantages claimed in the advertisement, Robin should consult

A. M
B. N
C. O
D. P

16. If Robin had an unlimited budget and wanted the best quality cassette deck as rated by *Today's Consumer*, she would buy the

A. BMC DA-2E
B. Onawa D-700
C. Sanson X-500
D. Technica CT-E5

17. The poorest quality cassette deck as rated by *Today's Consumer* is the

A. Onawa D-700
B. Sanson X-500
C. Technica CT-E5
D. Remwood NK-42

18. All of the cassette decks tested by *Today's Consumer* have the disadvantage of NOT having

A. automatic reverse
B. single selection repetition
C. adjustment for type of tape
D. separate headphone level controls

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19. According to the rating scale in *Today's Consumer*, the cassette deck that is over-priced is the

A. BMC DA-2E
B. Onawa D-700
C. Sanson X-500
D. Technica CT-E5

20. In the advertisement for the Sanson X-500 offered by Mike's Stereo Warehouse, the claim that is false is that this cassette deck has a/an

A. FM multiplex filter
B. Moby B noise reducer
C. electronic tape counter
D. automatic reverse mode

21. The total cost of the Remwood cassette deck advertised by Mercury Sound is

A. $260.00
B. $289.98
C. $300.00
D. $302.94

22. If Robin decides to buy the Remwood advertised by Mercury Sound but doesn't want to purchase any cassettes, she should

A. send only the amount necessary to buy the cassette deck
B. send a letter along with payment for the cassette deck
C. check the box marked "No" on the order form
D. leave the "Name" and "Address" lines blank

23. Robin is reading the advertisement from Mike's Stereo Warehouse and doesn't know what an "FM Multiplex Filter" is. The BEST source to consult would be

A. M
B. N
C. P
D. R

24. To help her decide whether or not she should buy Kim's Remwood cassette deck, Robin should consult

A. M
B. N
C. O
D. R

25. Robin wants to get the best quality cassette deck for the money she has budgeted. She should choose the

A. Remwood offered for sale by Kim
B. Sanson X-500 advertised by Mike's Stereo Warehouse
C. Remwood cassette deck advertised by Mercury Sound Inc. (including cassettes)
D. Remwood cassette deck advertised by Mercury Sound Inc. (excluding cassettes)

26. Robin also wants to find out if *Today's Consumer* has a recent article evaluating moderately-priced television sets. She should

A. buy a current issue of the magazine
B. send for a subscription to the magazine
C. consult the December issue at a public library
D. ask the manager of a shop that sells television sets

IV. Read "In One Era and Out the Other" on pages 7 and 8 of your Readings Booklet and answer questions 27 to 37.

27. The parents sometimes "flew into a great silence" (lines 26-27) because they

A. hated each other
B. wanted to leave the family
C. lacked adequate vocabulary
D. disliked involving the children

28. In lines 34 to 37 quarrels are compared to

A. fires
B. cold
C. silence
D. loneliness

29. The statement "When the homework was finished and there wasn't much to do, the children could kindle a warm argument" (lines 36-37) suggests that the children

A. felt insecure
B. wanted entertainment
C. were tired of playing
D. were angry with their parents

30. The use of the phrase "huddle around it" (line 37) implies that a parental quarrel caused the children to feel

A. comfortable
B. isolated
C. hopeful
D. bored

31. The statement "Yet they never thought of leaving each other, because 'people will talk' " (line 42) implies that Uncle M. and Aunt N.

A. really liked each other
B. feared community censure
C. lacked a spirit of adventure
D. wanted to protect the children

32. The words "combat training" (lines 53-54) refer to the children's exposure to

A. sibling rivalry
B. adult cynicism
C. military service
D. marital quarrels

33. In lines 59 to 64, the writer's main idea is conveyed by a tone that is

A. bitter
B. serious
C. humorous
D. patronizing

34. Throughout the essay the writer asserts that a normal and natural condition for a married couple is

A. cynical silence
B. heated confrontation
C. humorous coexistence
D. reasonable negotiation

35. The writer's attitude toward quarrels such as those of his parents is one of

A. approval
B. sympathy
C. cynicism
D. hostility

36. The writer concludes that because his parents quarreled, his outlook on life is

A. realistic
B. hateful
C. hopeful
D. pessimistic

37. The main idea of this article is that

A. quarreling is an important part of marriage
B. children enjoy the arguments of their parents
C. open dialogue is part of a healthy relationship
D. marriages often survive because of fear of criticism

V. Read "Those Winter Sundays" on page 9 of your Readings Booklet and answer questions 38 to 44.

38. The statement "No one ever thanked him" (line 5) indicates that the family's relationship with the father was lacking in

A. pride
B. respect
C. compassion
D. appreciation

39. The phrase "speaking indifferently to him" (line 10) suggests that the speaker's relationship with his father was one of

A. anger
B. bitterness
C. selfishness
D. insensitivity

40. The phrase that conveys the sensation of sound most effectively is

A. "with cracked hands that ached" (line 3)
B. "made banked fires blaze" (lines 4-5)
C. "wake and hear the cold splintering, breaking" (line 6)
D. "speaking indifferently to him" (line 10)

41. Words such as "ached," "cold," and "lonely" all help to convey the

A. physical setting
B. father's behavior
C. description of the weather
D. speaker's feelings of remorse

42. From his actions in the poem, the father is characterized as being

A. angry and brooding
B. tired and frustrated
C. unselfish and caring
D. humorous and intelligent

43. The main purpose of the repetition in line 13 is to

A. enhance the moral
B. fit the rhythmic pattern
C. focus the reader's attention
D. reinforce the speaker's regret

44. The theme of the poem is BEST presented in the quotation

A. "Sundays too my father got up early" (line 1)
B. "Fearing the chronic angers of that house" (line 9)
C. "Speaking indifferently to him" (line 10)
D. "What did I know of love's austere and lonely offices?" (lines 13-14)

VI. Read the excerpt from "Red Dress" on pages 10 and 11 of your Readings Booklet and answer questions 45 to 51.

45. The speaker's observation of the "barred windows" (line 2) gives an impression of

A. height
B. security
C. confinement
D. spaciousness

46. The sentence "Everybody in the upper grades seemed to have come in couples" (line 3) suggests that the speaker

A. lacks ability as a dancer
B. lacks flair in social circles
C. feels independent and confident
D. feels inexperienced and isolated

47. The speaker's envy of the older girls is MOST directly evident in

A. "Some of the Grade Twelve . . . girls had brought boyfriends" (lines 3-4)
B. "I longed to be like that" (lines 7-8)
C. "They behaved as if only they . . . were really at the dance" (line 8)
D. "I didn't dare look at the outer circle" (line 14)

48. The sentence "To have to dance with a nonentity like me was as offensive to him as having to memorize Shakespeare" (lines 20-21) indicates that the speaker believes that Mason Williams is

A. annoyed by her shyness
B. compassionate about her youth
C. impressed with her intelligence
D. contemptuous of her Grade Nine status

49. After the speaker is deserted by Mason Williams (lines 25-27), she fears that the Physical Education teacher will

A. ridicule her
B. criticize her
C. draw attention to her
D. find another partner for her

50. In the statement, "I saw that what he had done was the realistic thing to do" (lines 32-33), the word "realistic" means

A. cruel
B. insensitive
C. considerate
D. understandable

51. This excerpt is universally appealing to readers because it

A. provides reminiscences about school dances
B. presents common adolescent experiences
C. ridicules teenage fantasies
D. reveals social problems

VII. Read the excerpt from *Hide and Seek* on pages 12 to 14 of your Readings Booklet and answer questions 52 to 58.

52. Following Mr. Bart's offstage speech, Jennifer's reaction "Oh, no" (line 3) implies that she

A. dislikes rural people
B. is not prepared for company
C. expects his visit will be unpleasant
D. does not want her husband to meet him

53. Jennifer's description of Mr. Bart's visit (lines 14-17) indicates that his actions have made her feel

A. confused and upset
B. startled and horrified
C. curious and vengeful
D. surprised and vulnerable

54. Jennifer's comment "Up to now I hadn't formed an opinion on your intelligence one way or the other" (lines 21-22) suggests that her tone of voice would be

A. shrill
B. kindly
C. sarcastic
D. respectful

55. Lines 9 to 22 develop an atmosphere that can be described as

A. hostile
B. relaxed
C. sinister
D. sympathetic

56. In lines 52 to 56, John implies that after the loss of Jill, his wife's behavior has become

A. logical
B. reserved
C. irrational
D. unpredictable

57. The disappearance of the photograph (lines 79-85) serves to

A. intensify the irony
B. increase the suspense
C. develop Jill's character
D. establish John's dilemma

58. Conflict in this excerpt is introduced by

A. "Can I talk to you for a minute?" (line 2)
B. "I didn't come to be neighborly." (lines 9-10)
C. "What's your problem?" (line 11)
D. "She knows better than any of us." (line 12)

VIII. Read "Manitoba Poem" on page 15 of your Readings Booklet and answer questions 59 to 65.

59. In lines 2 to 4, the "popular notion" MOST LIKELY refers to the idea expressed in

A. "In spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love" (*Locksley Hall*, Alfred Lord Tennyson)

B. "Love is not all; it is neither meat nor drink" (*Love Is Not All*, Edna St. Vincent Millay)

C. "O, my love is like a red, red rose" (*A Red, Red Rose*, Robert Burns)

D. "Love bade me welcome; yet my soul drew back" (*Love*, George Hebert)

60. The words "trains and hills" (line 5) represent the

A. desire for a nine-to-five job
B. urge to escape and explore
C. appeal of other women
D. fascination with nature

61. Lines 7 and 8 "And the women are just as glad for the rest" suggest that the women are

A. tired after a long winter of isolation
B. glad that the children are off to school
C. happy to be able to rest on long winter nights
D. pleased that the men are preoccupied with farming

62. The statements "a farmer will prepare for spring" (lines 1-2) and "the men seed their separate earths and listen to the CBC for any new report of rain" (lines 11-13) imply feelings of

A. hesitation
B. frustration
C. anticipation
D. determination

63. The lines that BEST express the farmer's acceptance of nature are

A. "A farmer will prepare for spring . . ." (lines 1-2)
B. "Listen . . . for any new report of rain." (lines 12-13)
C. "Women prepare for long nights . . ." (lines 20-21)
D. "Winter falls . . . taking no one by surprise." (lines 25-26)

64. The independent nature of the farmer is revealed in the quotation

A. "In Manitoba, a farmer will prepare for spring" (lines 1-2)
B. "Women are not foremost in men's minds" (lines 3-4)
C. "The men seed their separate earths" (lines 11-12)
D. "Four months later this is over, men are finished" (lines 17-18)

65. The organization of the poem is focused on

A. routine chores
B. specific goals
C. the cycle of seasons
D. the members of the family